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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR ADDOU'S MESSAGE FOR AMBASSADOR
LOUGHRAN

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A COMMERCIAL CABLE SENT BY
AMBASSADOR ADDOU TO AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN ON APRIL 17
WHICH WE ARE REPEATING TO THE EMBASSY:

I HAVE TODAY RECEIVED A TELEGRAM FROM MINISTER OF INFORMATION DR. ABDISALAM SHEEK HUSEEN BY WHICH THE MINISTER IS COMPLAINING OF THE VERY RUDE ATTITUDE SHOWN BY COLUMNIST JOSEPH KRAFT. BEFORE LEAVING MOGADISCIO I HAVE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED DR. ABDISALAM TO ASSIST MR. KRAFT DURING HIS STAY IN SOMALIA. MINISTER ABDISALAM INFORMS ME THAT HE INVITED DR. MOHAMED AADEN AND DR. AHMED MOHAMUD (SILANYO) BOTH HEAD OF BUREAUS IN THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO JOIN A GET TOGETHER IN HONOR OF MR. KRAFT.

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WHEN MR. KRAFT WAS CONTACTED TO JOIN THE GROUP HIS ANSWER WAS THAT HE WILL NOT TALK NEITHER TO THE MINISTER NOR GET TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER OFFICIALS UNLESS FIRST HE SEES THE PRESIDENT. MINISTER ABDISALAM SEEMS TO BE VERY DEEPLY OFFENDED BY MR. KRAFT'S BEHAVIOR AND I SUGGEST IF HE IS STILL IN SOMALIA TO SEE THE MINISTER AND SMOOTH THINGS STRAIGHT. IN CASE HE ALREADY LEFT SOMALIA

I WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU CAN TALK TO MINISTER
ABDISALAM BECAUSE THE ATTITUDE OF MR. KRAFT NEGATIVELY
AFFECTS OUR EFFORT TO BUILD BETTER CONTACTS AND
COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SOMALI OFFICIALS AND AMERICAN
PERSONALITIES.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT YOUR FINDINGS ARE IN THIS SENSI-
TIVE MATTER STOP. BEST PERSONAL REGARDS TO YOU AND
PLEASE GIVE MY LOVE TO KATHY STOP.
CHRISTOPHER

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